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SUBJ: AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE CONFERENCE - VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ

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1. MY COLLEAGUES AND I WELCOME WITH PLEASURE THE PROSPECT OF SECRETARY BUTZ'S VISIT AND THE ATTACHE CONFERENCE. THE VISIT COMES AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME AND CAN BE OF SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE IN STRENGTHENING US-VENEZUELAN RELATIONS.

2. A PRIMARY U.S. OBJECTIVE HERE IS TO STRUCTURE A CLOSER AND MORE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH VENEZUELA BY IDENTIFYING AREAS IN WHICH WE CAN PROFITABLY WORK TOGETHER. THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT THE EMBASSY AND THE GOV WILL SHORTLY ESTABLISH PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS TO EXPLORE PRACTICAL MEANS OF CARRYING FORWARD SUCH COOPERATION. ONE OF THE FIRST TOPICS ON OUR AGENDA MIGHT WELL BE VENEZUELA'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR WHERE THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR THE KIND OF EXPERTISE THE U.S. CAN FURNISH. THE VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ AND HIS PARTY GIVES US A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS EARLY ON.

3. WE WISH TO PROPOSE THAT SECRETARY BUTZ AND THE ACCOMPANYING USDA OFFICIALS COME HERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL AREAS OF COLLABORATION IN AGRICULTURE. WE HAVE IN MIND THE PROPOSALS IN: (A) UPGRADING OF THE NATIONAL EXTENSION SERVICES; (B) DEVELOPING A NATIONAL MARKETING SYSTEM, INCLUDING WORK ON GRADES AND STANDARDS; AND (C) ESTABLISHING A MARKET NEWS SERVICE. THE
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AGREEMENT RECENTLY SIGNED WITH IRAN MIGHT SERVE AS A USEFUL

FRAMEWORK.

4. WITH RESPECT TO SECRETARY BUTZ'S SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES HERE,
I WOULD APPRECIATE HIS REACTION TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON OUR FIRST
CUT AT A ROUGH SCHEDULE.

JUNE 18

A.M.: OPEN CONFERENCE

12 NOON: ADDRESS VENEZUELAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON
MEETING.

P.M.: CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER. LAY WREATH AT NATIONAL PANTHEON.

CALL ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. (WHOSE PARTICIPATION WE

WOULD ALSO EXPECT TO INVITE TO THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.)

EVENING: RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE.

JUNE 19

A.M.: DISCUSSION SESSION WITH THE WORKING GROUP - - THE FOREIGN

MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

P.M.: CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

5. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORUM IS A SIGNIFICANT ONE HERE
AND WOULD INSURE EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE IF SECRETARY BUTZ IS
INCLINED TO GIVE A SPEECH. WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED A VISIT TO AN
AGRICULTURAL PROJECT SINCE NONE IS AVAILABLE WITHIN LESS THAN
SEVERAL HOURS TRAVEL BY CAR.

6. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO DEVELOP A SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MRS.
BUTZ AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS SHE MIGHT GIVE US
ON HER PREFERENCES.

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